

PATENT APPLICATION

NITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TO THE TOTAL OF THE TOTAL OF

In re the Application of

Lester D. NELSON et al.

Examiner: L. Taylor Application No.: 09/393,962

Docket No.: 103589 Filed: September 10, 1999

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CONTROLLING A PRESENTATION USING For:

PHYSICAL OBJECTS

CONFIRMATION OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the courteous extended to Applicants' representative by Primary Examiner Karl D. Frech and by Assistant Examiner Larry Taylor during the February 8, 2001 personal interview.

During the interview, Applicants clarified the distinctions submitted in the Amendment filed January 22, 2001. In particular, Applicants asserted that Baldwin alone or in combination with Laszlo simply does not disclose, teach or suggest a controller that selects the at least one presentation element identified by the at one presentation element identifier and affects the at least one presentation element based on the sense that at least one control element identifier, as recited in independent claims 1 and similarly recited in claim 9. In contrast, Applicants point out that Baldwin merely discloses navigation within the document database providing for forward and backward selection and random access, selection of documents.

Application No. 09/393,962

Applicants asserted that Laszlo fails to address all the features of independent claims 1 and 9.

Moreover, Applicants also asserted that Laszlo does not disclose, teach or suggest at least a generator that provides a tangible, sensible identification-carrying device with the at least one control element identifier that <u>identifies the function associated with the at least one controllable element</u>, as recited in independent claim 16 and 17.

During the interview, Examiners Frech and Taylor suggested distinguishing between the control elements and the navigational identifiers. However, Examiners Frech and Taylor agreed to reconsider the application in light of the amendment and the clarifications presented during the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Oliff

Registration No. 27,075

Christian Austin-Hollands Registration No. 46,527

JAO:CAH/srm

Date: February 14, 2001

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC P.O. Box 19928 Alexandria, Virginia 22320 Telephone: (703) 836-6400 DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE
AUTHORIZATION
Please grant any extension
necessary for entry;
Charge any fee due to our
Deposit Account No. 15-0461